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Updated Skilled Nursing Facility Help File Available for CY 2004

Note: This article was revised to contain Web addresses that conform to the new CMS web site and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Providers and suppliers of skilled nursing facility (SNF) services

Provider Action Needed

None. This article provides information only. It alerts you to the CY 2004 SNF Help File that is now available for your use.

Background

Annually, after the major Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) updates are completed, CMS also provides you with an SNF Help File, so that you can see which services are included in SNF consolidated billing under Part A, identify the basis of payment for services under Part B, and better understand your fiscal intermediary's (FIs) explanation of edit results on your claims.

This file, a large Microsoft Excel® spreadsheet that specifies the status of over 11,900 HCPCS and CPT codes for SNF billing and payment, is also updated, as necessary, at other times during the year when there are significant changes to the HCPCS file.

Additional Information

You can find more information about this updated file in Chapters 6 and 7 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Manuals/IOM/list.asp> on the CMS web site.

The following link will take you directly to the SNF Help File at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c06snfhelp.pdf> on the CMS web site. (This file is directed toward SNFs and suppliers.)

In addition, you can learn more about SNF consolidated billing at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SNFConsolidatedBilling/> on the CMS web site. (This site is for individuals billing to carriers.)

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